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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Amzac	1/10 15	3/10	<p>Foggy morning which impeded evacuation of sick, and other shipping operations.</p> <p>Water supply - This is obtained almost entirely from overseas, pumped ashore into a service reservoir, and ^{gravitates} distributed thence by a pipe line to tanks in the several gullies. From these tanks it has to be carried by man or mule up to the firing line. This is a laborious proceeding even in fine weather, and after any rain the is slippery steep paths are almost impracticable. Accordingly, a Water Reserve has been accumulated at the principal points along the firing line, amounting in all to 13,600 gal. which will give about 4 days supply on half rations. The transport of water up hill has to be done in huts, and canvas bags and unavoidably a good deal of mud gets on the tank tops and into the tanks.</p>	

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Anzac	7/10	2100	Report that enemy is using Chlorine gas at trenches of 22nd Battalion.							
	8/10	15	Investigation showed that the gas in question emanated from a bomb which burst on the bank above a cul de sac trench. Some men in dugouts in this trench were so far affected that one vomited and all suffered considerable lachrymation. 12 hours afterwards this lachrymatory effect was still marked and a sweetish smell, was like that of Nitrite of Amyl, was apparent. The bomb was supposed to have been an explosive bomb, with somewhat unusual explosion products.							
			At night ^{stiffish} S.W. breeze and stiff drizzling rain.							
	9/10	15	Fairly heavy sea in Anzac Cove which has broken through piers and prevents any evacuations today							
			Evacuations from the Division for the 7 days ending 9.10.15	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em;">}</td> <td>Sick</td> <td style="text-align: right;">216</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: 2em;">}</td> <td>Wounded</td> <td style="text-align: right;">42</td> </tr> </table>	}	Sick	216	}	Wounded	42
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Anzac	15 - 10	15	Lecture by Col. Sir Victor Horsley R. A. M. B. on War Surgery, delivered at Clearing Hospital to assembled medical officers of the Army Corps.	
	16 - 10	15	<p>Report on 7 brands of canned meat in use here viz:—</p> <p>1. Libby McNeill and Libby (Chicago) 2. Davies (Toronto) 3. Plate Brand (La Plata S.A.)</p> <p>4. Clark (Montreal) 5. Cudahy Pkg. Co. (Omaha, Neb.) 6. Fray Bentos (Oxo Ltd. London)</p> <p>7. Harrison Brand Boiled Beef - (Chicago)</p> <p>Of these No. 7 was found much the best. The others were all superior to Fray Bentos (No. 6) which is overcooked, lacks flavour, and is saltier than the others.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Anzac	27 10 15		<p>Conference, summoned by D.O.M.s., of the A.D.M.s., D.A.O.M.s., and Divisional Sanitary Officer of each Division in the Army Corps. Discussion on Alcohol, Paratyphoid Vaccination, Disinfectants and Disinfectors, Water Sterilization and Latrines. Steam Disinfectors are to be supplied for the each Division and will be required mainly for the treatment of clothes and blankets infested with lice which are expected to be troublesome in the winter.</p> <p>The Latrine question presents considerable difficulties especially where the area available is very limited as at Lone Pine, Quinn's Post, Russell's Top. Here of necessity a pail system must be used, and deep pits 20-30 ft. used for emptying contents of pails. Elsewhere pit latrines are in use - as deep as possible both for economy of space, and because a dark deep pit attracts fewer flies than a shallower trench. But it is almost impossible at present to get the timber and other materials necessary to make a and really suitable structure.</p>	

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Anzac	29 10 15		<p>Four fatalities today by gas poisoning in a mine recently exploded by Ammunition. The first man to enter was overcome and fell and the others were affected in attempting rescue. Besides these 20 others were affected in varying degree but revived with artificial respiration. From the symptoms it seems probable that one at least of the toxic gases was Carbon Monoxide.</p> <p>Tabular statement appended showing for this Division: — Strength, Diarrhoea cases at morning sick parades, Infectious Diseases, Cases held in Field Ambulances, and Cases evacuated each day to ^{Australian} Casualty Clearing Station.</p> <p>Afred Sutton Colonel. A.O.M.S. 2nd Australian Division.</p>	

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Place	Date	Strength Hour all ranks	Diarrhoea	Infectious Diseases			Summary of Events and Information	Held in Field Ambulances		Evacuated to Clearing Station		Remarks and references to Appendices
				Enteric	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever		Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	
Amzac	1/10	15	216	1	-	-	-	92	-	31		
	2/10	8037	258	-	-	-	-	89	-	45		
	3/10		262	-	-	-	-	98	-	28	6	
	4/10		231	-	-	-	4	93	-	26	10	
	5/10		207	1	-	-	1	93	-	24	8	
	6/10		188	-	-	-	2	88	-	23	18	
	7/10		195	2	-	-	1	88	-	37	-	
	8/10		195	2	-	-	-	104	-	35	-	
	9/10	7738	1444	-	-	-	-	139	-	-	-	
	10/10		197	-	-	-	-	125	-	20	4	
	11/10		213	-	-	-	-	143	-	26	2	
	12/10		152	-	-	-	-	146	-	30	4	

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					Enteric	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Mumps	Measles	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	
Angac	13/10	15		151	-	-	-	1	-	161	-	14	3	
	14/10			159	-	-	1	3	-	167	-	33	10	
	15/10			185	2	-	-	-	-	160	-	20	2	
	16/10		7598	205	+	-	-	-	-	185	-	25	7	
	17/10			179	+	-	-	-	-	196	-	25	4	
	18/10			167	1	1	-	1	-	172	1	36	-	
	19/10			161	1	-	-	1	1	181	1	33	13	
	20/10			152	-	3	-	2	-	159	-	41	6	
	21/10			170	-	1	-	3	-	182	-	23	8	
	22/10			147	+	3	-	4	-	180	1	26	2	
	23/10			7812	140	+	-	-	-	153	1	29	7	
	24/10				149	-	1	+ 1	-	153	-	19	4	

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					Enteric	Dysentery	Scarlet Fev.	Mumps	Measles	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded		
Anzac	25/10		all ranks	140	-	2	-	2	-	150		21	8		
	26/10			145	2	-	1	-	-	161		20	5		
	27/10			177	6	-	-	-	-	155	8	30	11		
	28/10			165	3	-	-	-	-	183	1	38	7		
	29/10			177	2	1	-	1	-	212	5	34	4		
	30/10		7888	143	1	2	2	-	-	170	4	30	3		
	31/10			104	2	-	2	1	-	146	2	52	6		
			Aqueduct Bd. arms												